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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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MATTHEW ORCHOWSKI,

Plaintiff,

v.

URGO HOTELS LP, and DOE
DEFENDANTS I-X,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:17-cv-00645-LRH-WGC

ORDER

Defendant Urgo Hotels LP moves to dismiss plaintiff Matthew Orchowski's complaint. ECF No. 5. Orchowski opposes the motion, to which Urgo Hotels replies. ECF Nos. 7, 8. Because the complaint fails to allege exhaustion of administrative remedies available through the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") as required for claims brought under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the court now grants Urgo Hotels' motion to dismiss.

I. BACKGROUND

Orchowski sues Urgo Hotels, alleging sexual harassment in the workplace and retaliation in violation of Title VII. ECF No. 1. The court takes the following factual allegations from Orchowski's complaint.

Orchowski was employed by Urgo Hotels from May 2016 to January 2017. *Id.* ¶ 7. Tristan Wood served as the director of operations for Urgo Hotels during Orchowski's employment, which was a "position far superior to [Orchowski's position]." *Id.* Wood subjected Orchowski to actions and to statements constituting sexual harassment during Orchowski's

1 employment. *Id.* When Orchowski reported Wood's conduct to the human resource department,
2 Dana Moreland (the human resources manager) failed to remedy the issues. *Id.* ¶ 8.

3 After Orchowski complained to the human resource department, Wood isolated
4 Orchowski in the workplace and denied him work-related information. *Id.* Orchowski
5 complained of Wood's conduct a second time during a meeting with Moreland and Wood. *Id.*
6 ¶ 9. During the meeting, Orchowski indicated that he was unable to tolerate Wood's conduct any
7 longer and was therefore unable to work the graveyard shift with Wood. *Id.* Urgo Hotels
8 terminated Orchowski's employment approximately one week later. *Id.*

9 Urgo Hotels now moves to dismiss the complaint in its entirety, arguing that Urgo Hotels
10 is an improper party and that Orchowski failed to demonstrate exhaustion of administrative
11 remedies as required for causes of action brought under Title VII. ECF No. 5. Orchowski
12 opposes the motion and attaches a right-to-sue letter to his opposition. ECF No. 7.

13 **II. DISCUSSION**

14 A plaintiff must exhaust administrative remedies through the EEOC prior to filing a Title
15 VII claim in federal court. *E.E.O.C. v. Farmer Bros. Co.*, 31 F.3d 891, 899 (9th Cir. 1994); *see*
16 *also Surrell v. Cal. Water Serv. Co.*, 518 F.3d 1097, 1104 (9th Cir. 2008). In his complaint,
17 Orchowski fails to allege such exhaustion. He does not allege that he filed a complaint with the
18 EEOC; he does not allege that he received a right-to-sue letter from the EEOC; and he does not
19 allege that he took any steps to exhaust the administrative remedies available through the EEOC.
20 The court therefore finds the complaint deficient for failing to allege administrative exhaustion
21 as required for Title VII claims and dismisses the complaint as a result.

22 However, the court dismisses the complaint without prejudice. “[A] district court should
23 grant leave to amend even if no request to amend the pleading was made, unless it determines
24 that the pleading could not be cured by the allegation of other facts.” *OSU Student All. v. Ray*,
25 699 F.3d 1053, 1079 (9th Cir. 2012) (quoting *Lopez v. Smith*, 203 F.3d 1122, 1130 (9th Cir.
26 2000) (en banc)). In his opposition, Orchowski argues he exhausted the administrative remedies
27 as required. He also attaches a right-to-sue letter in support of his argument. Accordingly,
28 although Orchowski did not explicitly request leave to amend his complaint, the court grants

1 Orchowski twenty days from the entry of this order to file an amended complaint to cure the
2 above-identified deficiencies.

3 Because the court dismisses Orchowski's complaint on the above grounds, the court does
4 not reach the issue of whether Uργο Hotels is an improper party.

5 **III. CONCLUSION**

6 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that defendant Uργο Hotels LP's motion to dismiss
7 (ECF No. 5) is **GRANTED**.

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Matthew Orchowski's complaint (ECF No. 1) is
9 **DISMISSED without prejudice**. Orchowski shall have twenty days from the entry of this order
10 to file an amended complaint.

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12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 DATED this 3rd day of January, 2018.

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16 LARRY R. HICKS
17 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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